

HB 39 -- CRIME AND INSPECTION REPORT TOWING

SPONSOR: Higdon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill expands the current requirement that law enforcement agencies file a crime and inspection report when they initiate a tow for an abandoned vehicle to also require such reports when any party requests the towing operation.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that car owners should know right away to where and by what company their cars were towed. A lot of times officers clear scenes and do not give car owners any indication about what happened with their cars. Therefore, it should be part of the officers' regular record-keeping duties to fill out a tow sheet regardless of who requested the tow. This would also help protect tow truck companies who attempt to recover their costs from insurance companies.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Higdon; Paul S. Lewis; Jared Innis; and the Missouri Tow Trucking Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.